

From: [Tougas, Stephanie](#)
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Subject: RE: Gardner MA Sludge Landfill Wetland Violations and Pollution of Waterways
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:38:00 AM

Got it

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Tougas, Stephanie <tougas.stephanie@epa.gov>
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Stephanie- This complaint is coming through Deb Szaro. It looks like there may be an actual 404 violation. I would start with the complainant and get a fixed location, and check with MA DEP and ConCom.

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Fyi- this came in to Deb.

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fyi

From: Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:30 AM

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From: PAUL DEMEO <ryanrealty@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 8:45 AM

To: Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>

Subject: Gardner MA Sludge Landfill Wetland Violations and Pollution of Waterways

Good Morning Deb,

Would you kindly forward this e-mail to whoever in the EPA Northeast Region handles "discharge" complaints of Pollutants into Federally Controlled Waterways. This stormwater discharge is not part of Gardner Stormwater Discharge Permit.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards,
Paul DeMeo

Good Morning Lyndsy,

What are the actions being taken relative to Gardner's Sewage Sludge Landfill and the observed Wetland Violations?

I understand you were on the site Saturday Morning.

Have you issued a "ceast and desist" to the City of Gardner for the observed wetland violations? No work should continue until such time as the damage is assessed and an engineering plan devised which will be "fail proof". No "band-aid" approach should be considered or started.

It is quite evident the "wetland" has been damaged with "silt and other foreign material" which does not belong in a wetland.

The photos are self evident of the violations and the Mass DEP needs to inspect this immediately as "Waterways" are being negatively impacted.

It is quite evident the City of Gardner cannot and has not managed this sewage sludge landfill properly and all future expansion should be denied by the State.

This complaint is "public record".

I appreciate your efforts and investigating but there is no simple solution to correcting this problem which has damaged the environment.

This photo of "Rousseau Pond" is the body of water being polluted with the "sewage sludge landfill" in the background. This pond flows into the Otter River, Miller's River, and the Connecticut River which is Federally Protected.

Best Regards,
Paul DeMeo